

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 4, line 23 as follows:

In one embodiment of the present invention, the state information includes a session encryption key for the secure communication session, the session identifier for the secure communication session, and a running message digest for the secure communication session. In a variation on this embodiment, the system additionally uses the message to update the running message digest, and checkpoints the updated running message digest to a location outside of the first server. ~~Note that for the purpose of the instant application, common checkpointing methods familiar to those skilled in the art are used. A “checkpoint” state is a state of a process during execution of a program, and is stored information necessary for re-execution from that checkpoint. “To checkpoint” and “checkpointing” refer to the act of storing the checkpoint state.~~